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Note verbale dated 20 May 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations (Vienna), in accordance with article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex), has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that on 26 April 2014 a fragment of an Ariane rocket was found in its territory. Detailed information on the recovered object is attached (see annex).

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Annex

On 26 April 2014, a fragment of an Ariane rocket was found near the Uriandeua River by the city of Salinópolis, which is 220 kilometres from Belém, in the Brazilian State of Pará.

The fragment consists of a panel measuring 4 m x 3 m and featuring the words "UK Space Agency" and "Arianespace" in grey and blue. It has an identification plaque with the following information:

Property: ARIANESPACE

Contract: ARIANE 2009.00468/DP

Ensemble: ARBE203 – AR 5571

Half/Sn: EXT – TN SN86

Construct: RSZ/SER

Accept: 02.13

PLF: C571

Control: S3344551 GRD 410